

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from February 2004

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,243

Current number of adults: 56,435

Current number of children: 138,182

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,193

Closures in February:

total closures: 3036

closures for 18 month time limits: 88

closures for sanctions: 604

work-related sanctions: 602

other sanctions: 2

closures for employment: 722

Time limit closures since Families First started: 8,993

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,397

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$651.23

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.75

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.